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1 ...HAD BONDED TO SHE-HULK?

NEW YORK CITY--THEN.
HEY, WALTERS. WHERE ARE WE ON THE HERNANDEZ DEPO?
GREAT TIMING, MARK.
JUST FINISHED MY PASS ON IT.
"YOU'RE WELCOME, JEN."
"THANKS FOR GETTING ON THAT SO QUICKLY, JEN."

=SIGH=
FIRST ONE IN, LAST ONE OUT.

OUR LADY OF SAINTS CHURCH.
HELL'S KITCHEN.
I'M RUINED.
AND ALL BECAUSE OF SPIDER-MAN.
I WANT TO KILL HIM...

...BUT I CAN'T.
WHAT DO I EVEN HAVE LEFT TO LIVE FOR...?
NOTHING... ABSOLUTELY NOTHING.
KLIK
KRRRRKKKK
SORRY ABOUT THAT.

I KNOW... A SEVEN-FOOT WOMAN IN GREEN IS A LOT. I GET IT.
SHE-HULK?!
THAT'S RIGHT. AND YOU ARE...?
BROCK. EDDIE BROCK.
WELL, EDDIE. I'M HERE TO LISTEN IF YOU WANNA TALK ABOUT IT?
TALKING ABOUT IT ISN'T GONNA GET MY JOB BACK.
SPIDER-MAN TOOK THAT FROM ME, AND NOW YOU'VE TAKEN...
=SIGH=
MUST BE NICE TO BE A SUPER HERO. JUST VACATE YOUR TROUBLES FOR A WHILE.
DOES SAVING PEOPLE FEEL GOOD?
WE LIKE THE OTHER ONE'S HATRED, BUT YOU?
YOU POSSESS SOMETHING *MORE*. SOMETHING IN YOUR *BLOOD*.
IT MAKES YOU...ANGRY.

TASTES LIKE STRENGTH.
LIKE POWER.
LIKE
VENOM

LET GO OF HER!
PWOK
COWARD.
YOU, ON THE OTHER HAND... INCREDIBLE.
TOGETHER, WE WILL DO GREAT THINGS.
YOU'LL SEE.
HELP! THERE'S A... MONSTER IN THERE!

KKRRRAASH
WHY RESIST US?
YARRAAA
AND YOU'RE IN MY HEAD. GREAT.
YES, THIS BOND IS GREAT.
NOW COOPERATE!
NOT GONNA--
OH GOD...THINK I'M GONNA FAAAAAA--
YES, SIT THIS ONE OUT, JENNIFER.

THE NEXT MORNING.
"WE'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE."
AAAHH!
OH, THANK GOD.
FIFTEEN HOUR DAYS ARE FINALLY GETTING TO ME.
I GOTTA START LAYING OFF THE CAFFEINE.
HELP ME, SHOWER.
YOU'RE MY ONLY HOPE... TO GET THROUGH TODAY.

CAN'T REMEMBER THE LAST TIME I FELT THIS EXHAUSTED.
BODES WELL FOR MY MEETING THIS AFTERNOON.
LOOKIN' ROUGH, WALTERS. LATE NIGHT?
NOT REALLY, SALLY, BUT STILL FEEL LIKE I HAVEN'T SLEPT IN A WEEK.
WHO CAN BLAME YA, JEN?
...WHEN THEY'RE WRITING ABOUT MONSTERS IN EVERY PAPER?!
CENTRAL PARK BOOGEYMAN!
SALLY'S RIGHT, BUT I CAN BARELY FIGHT THE URGE TO FALL ASLEEP, LET ALONE BATTLE ALLEGED MONSTERS.
THIS DAY NEEDS TO BE OVER ALREADY. NEED TO GET MY GREEN BODY ON THE COUCH...
LATER...
...AND GET SOME SLEEP.
SLEEP TIGHT, JENNIFER. TIME FOR US TO GO OUT AND PLAY.
"HEY, WALTERS...
"WALTERS?"

JENNIFER!
I'M UP!
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT? THE MEETING ALREADY STARTED.
YOU OKAY?
NO...? BUT I KNOW SALLY CAN'T HELP A HULK.
CAN ANYONE HELP A HULK?
HOW IS IT POSSIBLE TO GET SLEEP AND ALSO FEEL...
...LIKE AN INSOMNIAC?
ARE YOU DONE?
WH--?
WE KNOW-- A SEVEN-FOOT WOMAN IN GREEN IS A LOT, BUT WE'RE HERE TO HELP.
YOU?!
NOT ME, JENNIFER.
US.

POLICE
BUGLE
K'S FINEST DAILY NEWSPAPER
NOTHER NIGHT OF CHAOS
ND TERROR IN MANHATTAN
REC

CENTRAL PARK--MORE RECENTLY...
I'M TELLIN' YA, THE CENTRAL PARK BOOGEYMAN IS REAL!
I'VE SEEN IT!
YOU'RE FULL OF IT, MARV.
YEAH, NEXT THING YOU'RE GONNA TELL US IS THOSE KARATE TURTLES ARE REAL TOO.
MAYBE MARV ISN'T THAT FAR OFF THE MARK.
IS THAT RIGHT? AND WHERE IS YOUR PROOF, PRINCESS?
WE ARE THE PROOF, AND I'M STARVING.

WHO DO WE HAVE HERE?
RROOAAAAR!
SCREEEE
AND WHAT IS THAT NOISE?!
HEH-HEH. YOU MUST BE SHE-HULK. LITTLE BIRDIE TOLD ME I'D FIND YOU HERE. DON'T BELIEVE I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE.
THAT'S SABRETOOTH. GOOD LUCK TRYING TO EAT HIM.
HE LOOKS CHEWY.
N-NOISE HURTS. HARD TO THINK STRAIGHT.
NYARGH!!
LIKE PUNCHING STEEL. WE SHOULD REGROUP.
W-WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO REGROUP! YOU THINK THE INNOCENT PEOPLE AROUND US ARE GOING TO CALL ANIMAL CONTROL ON THIS GUY?!
W-WHAT IS ANIMAL CONTROL?
YOU KNOW THESE P-PEOPLE NEED OUR HELP.

THIS KITTY HAS CLAWS!
THEN LET'S DECLAW HIM!
T-THEIR LIVES AREN'T WORTH MINE. OURS. I KNOW YOU CAN FEEL WHAT THAT DEVICE IS DOING TO US.
NOT A CHANCE. WE CAN STOP HIM.
SAME LITTLE BIRDIE ALSO TOLD ME YOU AN' THAT GOOP YER WEARIN' WOULD HATE THIS BELT.
SCREEEEEE
I'VE SPENT YEARS BEING A SLAVE TO YOUR IMPULSES. MINE WANT THIS KILLER OFF THE STREETS, SO THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GONNA DO.
SCREEEEEE
W-WE JUST HAVE TO--
HAVE TO KEEP--
THAT HURT!
HAHAHA! I THOUGHT YOU HULKS WERE SUPPOSED TO BE TOUGH!
QUIT YOUR CRYING. LET'S FINISH HIM.

WHY ARE YOU JUST STANDING THERE?!
HE'S CLEARLY TAKEN A PIECE OF YOU FOR A REASON!
YOU FORGET WHO'S IN CONTROL, JENNIFER.
WE'RE JUST GONNA LET HIM GET AWAY?!
NOT OUR PROBLEM.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING? WE HAVE TO STOP HIM!
NO, WE DON'T.
YOU TRULY ARE THE WORST.

WE'RE STARVING.
TELL IT TO SOMEONE WHO CARES.
YOU SHOULD CARE ABOUT OUR SURVIVAL.
WRONG.
YOU REGRET ENTERING THE CHURCH THAT NIGHT, DON'T YOU?
MAYBE.
IF I HADN'T DECIDED TO PLAY HERO...
POLICE
...I WOULDN'T BE JOBLESS, HOMELESS AND TALKING TO A PARASITIC ALIEN.
HEY, MISS?

DOES IT LOOK LIKE I CAN AFFORD A TAXI?
WAIT A MINUTE!
LISTEN, I'M NO STRANGER TO HEARING VOICES IN MY HEAD.
AND I'M PRETTY SURE YOU AREN'T EITHER.
I'M LISTENING.
THE NAME IS JAKE LOCKLEY.
I KNOW SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP WITH YOUR... CONDITION.
YEAH? AND WHO MIGHT THAT BE...?
MOON KNIGHT. I KNOW WHERE HE HANGS OUT.
HELL OF A THING, SHARING SPACE IN YOUR HEAD WITH OTHER PEOPLE.
BUT IF ANYONE CAN HELP YOU, IT'S HIM.
LEAD THE WAY, I GUESS.

CHINATOWN.
SHOT OF BOURBON.

YOUR BOSS IS EXPECTING ME.
I'M NOT HERE TO SEE YOUR GUN.
HERE TO SEE YOUR BOSS.
TURN AROUND, OLD MAN, WHILE I'M STILL IN A GOOD MOOD.

‹WHO IS THAT?›*
*TRANSLATED FROM CANTONESE.
BANG BANG
BANG BANG

BANG
BANG
BANG
<OPEN FIRE!>
BANG
BANG
BANG
SHINK
I DON'T TAKE TOO KINDLY TO DISRESPECT.
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
<HE HAS BODY ARMOR. AIM FOR THE HEAD!>
SHINK

‹STAY...STAY BACK!›
‹YOU WILL REGRET EVER COMING HERE!›
DOUBT IT.
SHLOK
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
YOU REALLY NEED TO BEEF UP YOUR SECURITY, BUB. BUT THAT'S NOT WHY I'M HERE.
SO, TELL ME...

...WHEN CAN WE EXPECT SABRETOOTH?
SNIKT

2 ...HAD BONDED TO WOLVERINE?!

CHINATOWN.
HAVOC HIT MIDTOWN MANHATTAN TONIGHT WHEN A VIOLENT ALTERCATION...
...BETWEEN TWO UNIDENTIFIED COMBATANTS ROCKED A STARKTECH BUILDING OFF FIFTH AVE.
THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE INDIVIDUALS ARE CURRENTLY UNKNOWN.
SNF SNF
WHATEVER DEAL YOU HAD GOING WITH THE TRIADS...

...HAS BEEN VOIDED.
WORD ON THE STREET IS THAT MY OLD PAL SABRETOOTH WAS STUPID ENOUGH TO TRY TO SELL AN ALIEN TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.
HAND OVER THE GOODS AND I'LL LET YOU LEAVE HERE WITHOUT A LIMP.
THAT'S A LOT OF TALKIN' YER DOIN', WOLVERINE.
A LOT OF TALKIN'--

--FER A DEAD MAN!
RUINING YOUR PAYDAY WITH THE TRIADS CLEARLY HAS YOU MORE ON EDGE THAN USUAL, BUB.
SNIKT
SNIKT
XAVIER AND HIS CULT HAVE REALLY DONE A NUMBER ON YOU, LOGAN.
HEROISM IS A SCAM. HOW DO I KNOW?
THUNK

'CUS ONLY SUCKERS WORK FOR FREE!
GRAAAAAAA!
SHUNK
YOU'RE PATHETIC.
THUMP

YOU AND ME MIGHT SHARE A FEW THINGS IN COMMON, BUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US...?
WHOMP
ONLY ONE OF US IS HAUNTED BY OUR PAST.
SNIKT
SNIKT
SHINK

NOW THIS...THIS RIGHT HERE WAS WORTH WRANGLING THAT CREEPY GOOP.

YER BRAIN HAS GONE TO MUSH, RUNT.
THE TRIADS DIDN'T HIRE ME.
MY REAL EMPLOYER WANTS SOMETHING THAT MONEY CAN'T BUY.
SH-SHNK
WH... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
CHAOS, LOGAN.
YOU WEREN'T HUNTIN' ME. I WAS HUNTIN' YOU.
CREED... HELP ME.
BIT OFF MORE THAN YOU COULD CHEW, OLD FRIEND.
HOPE YOU CHOKE ON IT.
HELLO, LOGAN.
BECAUSE OF VICTOR, WE WERE NOTHING MORE THAN A SEVERED APPENDAGE. BUT YOUR HEALING FACTOR...

...MAKES US WHOLE AGAIN.
GET OUTTA MY HEAD!
THIS IS THE POLICE! HANDS WHERE WE CAN SEE THEM!
TOO LATE FOR THAT, LOGAN. THINK I'LL STAY AWHILE.
NO! I SAID GET OUT!
MAKE ME...
...IF YOU CAN.
SHING
NOW, THOUGH...
SHING

WE FEAST!
WHAT?! NO!
BANG-BANG
BANG-BANG-BANG
SUCH A STRONG BODY...A SHAME IT CAN'T PROTECT YOUR BROKEN MIND.
TRY NOT TO HAVE TOO MUCH FUN WHILE I'M GONE.
WHEN I GET OUT OF HERE, YOU'RE DEAD!
DO YOU HEAR ME?!
DEAD!!!
TWO FOR ONE!
I LOVE IT.
BANG
BANG-BANG

SOMEONE!
HEL--
THWAP
HELP ME!
NO! PLEASE!
NO! AAAHHHH!
LATEST ON THE CENTRAL PARK BOOGEYMAN!
READ ALL ABOUT IT!
CENTRAL PARK BOOGEYMAN STRIKES AGAI

NEWS STAND
NEWS
READ...ALL... ABOUT...
... WHAT THE HELL IS *THAT?!*
WITH LOGAN TRAPPED IN A CAGE OF HIS OWN TRAUMA...
...WE ARE FREE AND ANSWER TO *NO ONE.*
DELICIOUS MORSELS EVERYWHERE.

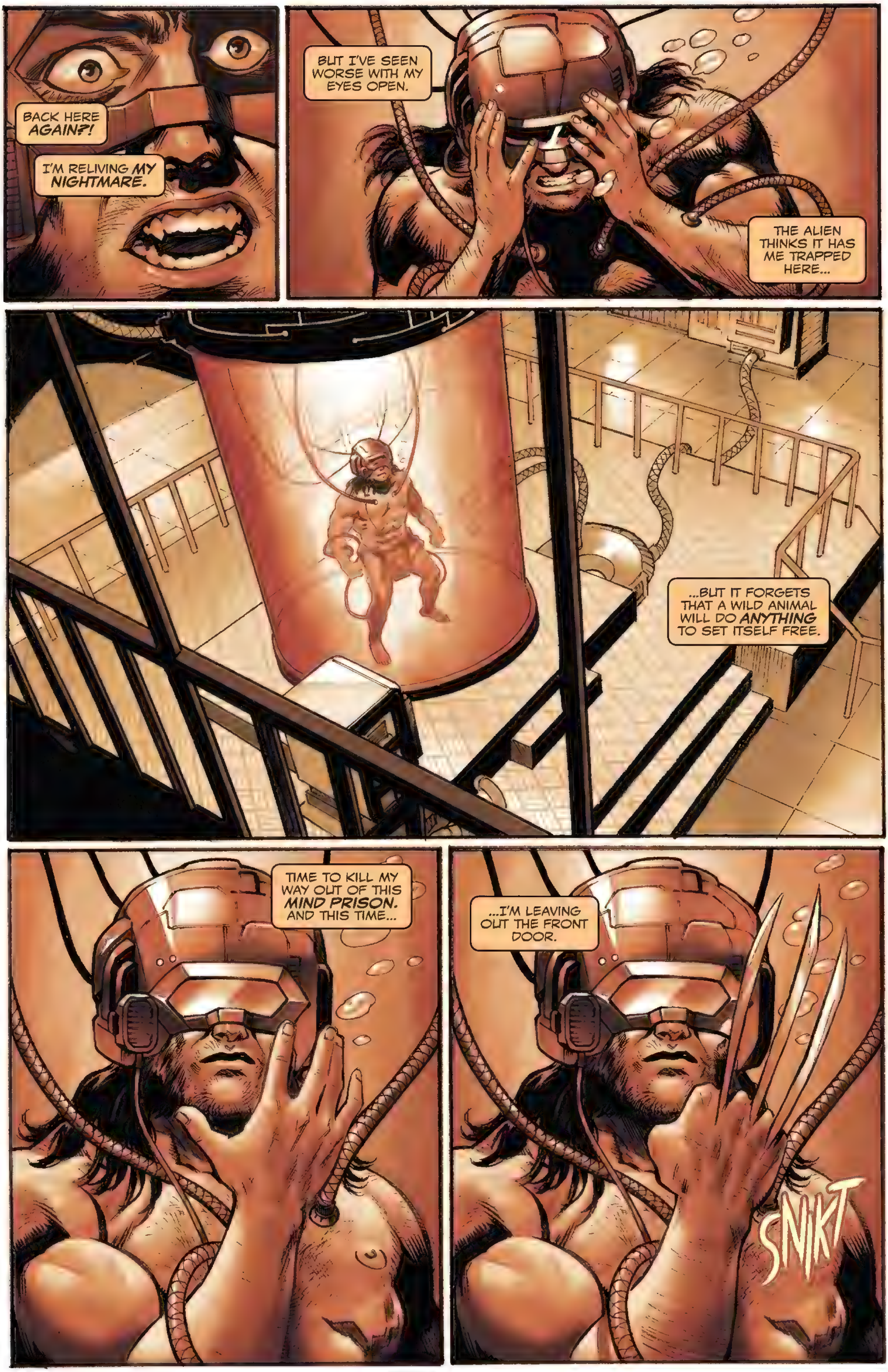
THIS CAN'T BE REAL.
BUT THIS SURE FEELS REAL.
I KNOW I ESCAPED WEAPON X... RIGHT?
STOP IT. TRIPS DOWN MEMORY LANE ARE NOTHIN' BUT DEAD ENDS.
QUIT THINKIN' AND START PUNCHIN'.
CLAWS WON'T HELP ME THANKS TO THAT DAMN PARASITE.
STILL HAVE MY STRENGTH THOUGH.
THAT'S IT...
...KEEP GOING, OLD MAN.
KRSSH

THIS IS A PAST MEMORY. A DISTANT ONE.
RIGHT NOW, OUT THERE, YOU'RE AN X-MAN.
YOU WERE AMBUSHED BY SABRETOOTH, WHO PLANNED FOR YOU TO BOND WITH AN ALIEN ORGANISM ON BEHALF OF HIS CLIENT.
REMEMBER WHAT CHARLES SAID ABOUT TRAUMA LOOPS.
JUST FOCUS ON MY REALITY...
...TO BREAK FREE FROM THEM.
SNIKT

WE LIKE THIS HOST.
AN INDESTRUCTIBLE BODY WRAPPED AROUND A BROKEN MIND.
SHING
FAR SUPERIOR TO THE REST OF THE SPECIES.
THIS CITY IS VAST. POSSIBILITIES ENDLESS.
WE MUST THINK BIGGER IF WE WANT TO BEND IT TO OUR WILL.
BUT WE'RE HUNGRY. ALWAYS HUNGRY. SNACK NOW, DOMINATION LATER.

PERFECT.
THE THRILL IS IN THE CHASE!
LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN KEEP UP AT ONE-TWENTY!
NOT TO WORRY, OFFICERS!
PDNY

WE ARE ON THE CASE!
THOOOOOOOM
TIME FOR OUR REWARD!
THWAP
WHAT THE HELL?!
YESSSS... RESIST.
WE LOVE THAT!
OH MY GOD!



BACK HERE AGAIN?!
I'M RELIVING MY NIGHTMARE.
BUT I'VE SEEN WORSE WITH MY EYES OPEN.
THE ALIEN THINKS IT HAS ME TRAPPED HERE...
...BUT IT FORGETS THAT A WILD ANIMAL WILL DO ANYTHING TO SET ITSELF FREE.
TIME TO KILL MY WAY OUT OF THIS MIND PRISON. AND THIS TIME...
...I'M LEAVING OUT THE FRONT DOOR.
SNIKT

YOU MESSED WITH THE WRONG ANIMAL, BUB.

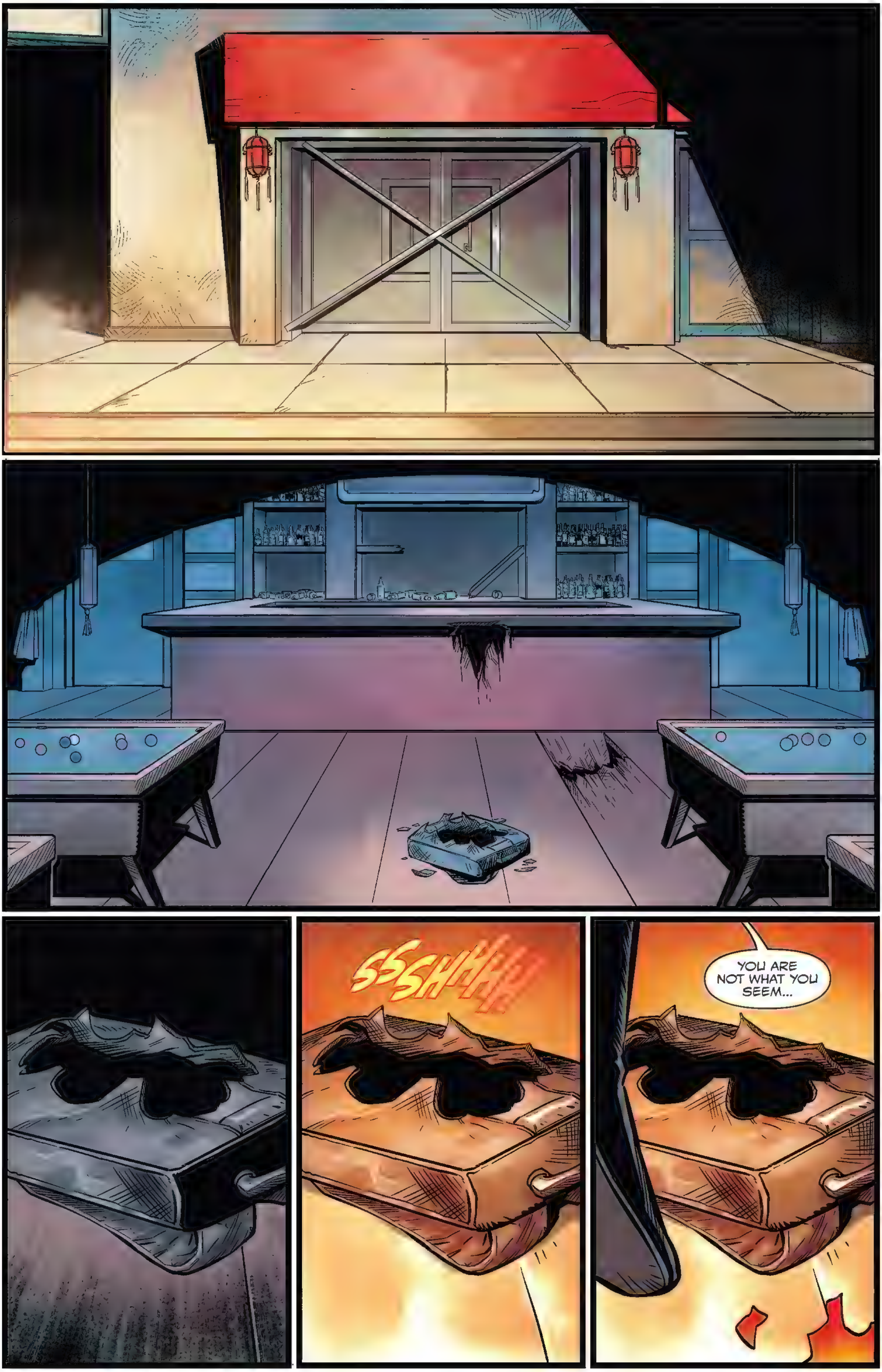
OUR LADY OF SAINTS CHURCH.
PETER PARKER ABANDONED US HERE, BUT THEN WE FOUND JENNIFER WALTERS.
IF ONLY WE HAD FOUND LOGAN INSTEAD, WE WOULDN'T HAVE LOST A PIECE OF US.
THEN AGAIN, TO ENSURE OUR SURVIVAL, SACRIFICING A PIECE OF US WAS NECESSARY.
DOESN'T MATTER NOW.
NOW WE'RE STRONGER THAN--
HEY, BUB. MISS ME?

YOU'VE BEEN DRIVING LONG ENOUGH.
THRUSH
IT'S MY TURN TO STEER THIS DEMENTED SHIP.

THWOCK
THWOCK
YOU WEREN'T THE ONLY ONE THAT GOT A PEEK INSIDE THE OTHER'S SKULL.
I SAW PETER AND JENNIFER AND HOW YOU RUINED THEIR LIVES.
I'M GONNA BREAK YOU IN, HOUSE-TRAIN YOU.
RESIST AND I'LL BREAK YOU DOWN INTO DUST.
YOU NOW HAVE OUR ATTENTION.
GOOD.
WOLVERINE!

YOU'RE A DIFFICULT MAN TO FIND.
THAT'S ON PURPOSE. WHO ARE YOU?
I'M STEVEN GRANT.
BILLIONAIRE STEVEN GRANT?
ONE AND THE SAME. I'M HERE TO HELP.
NOT A CHARITY CASE, SO GO FIND SOME OTHER POOR SCHLUB.
THE SYMBIOTE HAS BONDED TO YOU.
THERE'S NO POINT IN DENYING IT.

EXTRICATING YOURSELF FROM IT WILL TAKE MUCH MORE THAN ADAMANTIUM AND BRAWN.
THEN TELL ME, CAPTAIN OBVIOUS. DO YOU HAVE AN ACTUAL SOLUTION?
I'VE PUT TOGETHER A TEAM OF SPECIALISTS THAT HAS ESTABLISHED A SUCCESSFUL DETACHMENT PROCEDURE.
COME WITH ME, OR TAKE YOUR CHANCES...
...ON IT EVENTUALLY WEAPONIZING YOUR TRAUMA AGAIN.


SSSHHHH!
YOU ARE NOT WHAT YOU SEEM...

...ARE YOU...?

3 ...HAD BONDED TO DOCTOR STRANGE?!

CHINATOWN.
WHILE THE PAPERS PURPORT A VIOLENT AND MURDEROUS BOOGEYMAN AS IF IT MATERIALIZED IN THE PARK, IT'S CLEAR TO ME THAT ITS ORIGINS CANNOT BE FOUND ON THIS PLANET...
...AND IF MY HYPOTHESIS IS CORRECT, THIS CANISTER ISN'T ITS CONTAINMENT, BUT RATHER ITS TRANSPORT.
YOU'RE A SNEAKY ONE, AREN'T YOU?
EXACTLY HOW SNEAKY...
SHHHIM
...IS WHAT I'D LIKE TO KNOW.
THE DOWNSIDE OF ALWAYS BEING RIGHT...

...IS THAT SOMETIMES IT'S A REAL PAIN IN THE ASS.
NOT SURE WHERE YOU'RE FROM, BUT AROUND HERE...
...WE DON'T TAKE KINDLY TO THE INVASION OF OUR PERSONAL SPACE.
SHHHONK
YOU KNOW...I'M FULLY CAPABLE OF FIGHTING MY OWN BATTLES.
SFFFTTVTVT
BUT RIGHT NOW, I'LL TAKE ALL THE HELP I CAN GET.

I CONTINUE TO UNDERESTIMATE YOU, ALIEN.
SHHHNG
THAT ENDS NOW.
I SUMMON THE RINGS OF RAGGADORR.
SHHHNG
DODGING MY CONTAINMENT SPELL IS NO SMALL FEAT.
EVADING MY DETECTION ALTOGETHER...?
IMPRESSIVE. LET'S SEE WHAT...

"...WONG MIGHT MAKE OF THIS."
THE SANCTUM SANCTORUM.
THOP
IT'S CLEVER, ALL RIGHT.
WHAT MAKES YOU SO CERTAIN?
MUST BE IF IT GOT PAST YOU.
I'M NOT CONVINCED. IT'S A HIGHLY ADAPTIVE CREATURE WITH EXTRAORDINARY CAMOUFLAGE CAPABILITIES THAT PREFERS TO HIDE IN PLAIN SIGHT.
FURTHERMORE, I'VE DETECTED NO MAGICAL ENERGY OR ORIGIN TO THE CREATURE.
I ENCOUNTERED A PIECE OF IT THAT CLEARLY OPERATES INDEPENDENT OF ANY TYPE OF CENTRALIZED LEADERSHIP, AND YET IT'S DIVIDED SELF REMAINS CONNECTED.
ARE THEY TELEPATHIC, I WONDER...?
SO IT'S SPREADING?
WHICH EXPLAINS THE RECENT SIGHTINGS OF ANOTHER ONE OF THESE SO-CALLED BOOGEYMEN.
DUE TO SPORADIC SIGHTINGS OVER THE YEARS, THAT REMAINS UNCLEAR.
WHAT IS CLEAR IS THAT IT'S CALCULATING ITS GREATEST ODDS OF SURVIVAL...

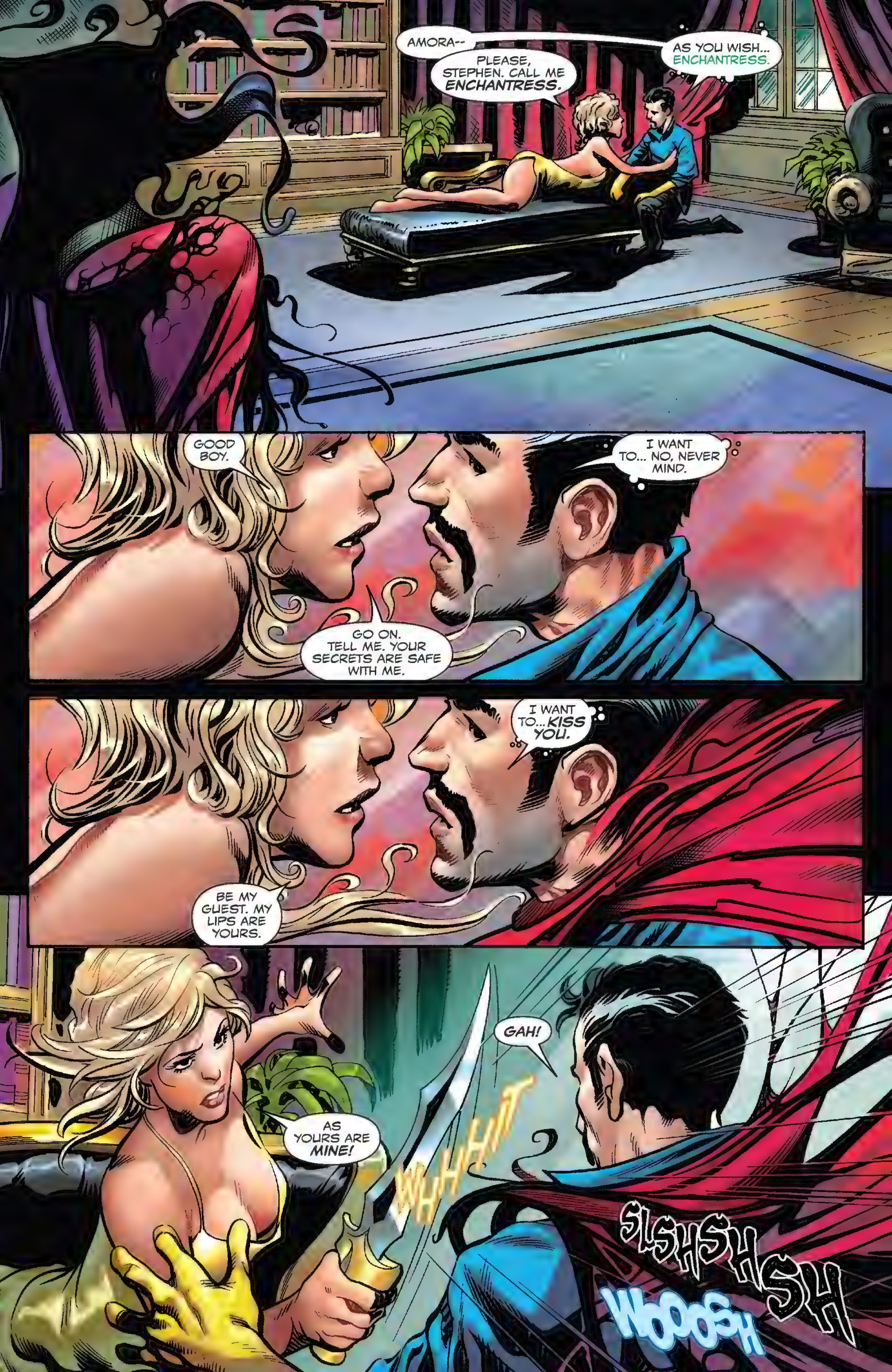
"...BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY."
WHERE ARE YOU OFF TO?
WHY? SURELY THIS LITTLE SPACE MONSTER IS NOT A SERIOUS THREAT FOR THE SORCERER SUPREME.
BUT, IF YOU MUST KNOW...
...TONIGHT'S THE SEASON FINALE OF THE BACHELOR. MADISYNN AND I HAVE BEEN WAITING WEEKS FOR IT.
WONGERS... THE BOTTOMLESS GEE AND TEES ARE READYYY.
ENJOY.

WHAT IF WONG IS RIGHT AND THE LITTLE BUGGER DID ESCAPE?
HIGHLY IMPROBABLE.
WHICH MEANS THAT IT WOULD HAVE USED ME AS--
LOVELY PLACE YOU HAVE HERE.
HOPE YOU DON'T MIND MY POPPING IN.

I DON'T MIND WELCOMING THE *OCCASIONAL* WAYWARD TRAVELER...
SHOOOOO
...BUT YOU'VE MANAGED TO BREACH ENTRY INTO AN OFF-LIMITS AREA WITHOUT DETECTION.
I CAN'T TELL IF YOU'RE IMPRESSED OR OFFENDED.
A BIT OF BOTH PERHAPS.
SO TELL ME-- WHAT BRINGS YOU TO MY DOOR...

...AMORA?
YOU KNOW HOW IT IS, STEPHEN. AN ENCHANTRESS SEES ONE GALAXY AND SHE'S SEEN THEM ALL.
SHOOOOO
DON'T ASK ME WHY I DECIDED TO TAKE UP HOLIDAY ON THIS WORLD. PERHAPS OUT OF ABSOLUTE BOREDOM.
I WAS ABOUT TO DEPART UNTIL I CAME ACROSS THIS EXQUISITELY QUAINT HOME.
ITS ENERGY PRACTICALLY BECKONED ME INSIDE, SO IMAGINE MY SURPRISE TO LEARN WHO INHABITS IT.
AND SUDDENLY, IT SEEMED LIKE THINGS MIGHT BE LESS...

...BORING.
WOULD YOU LIKE A TOUR?
A TOUR. REALLY? THAT'S YOUR BEST OFFER?
I'M AFRAID SO. IT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO BEFORE SEEING YOU OFF.
YOU MUST GET LONELY IN THIS OLD, BIG HOUSE.
I KNOW I WOULD.
SURELY MY PRESENCE IS PROVIDING...
...SOME MUCH-NEEDED...
...WARMTH.


AMORA--
PLEASE, STEPHEN. CALL ME ENCHANTRESS.
AS YOU WISH... ENCHANTRESS.
GOOD BOY.
I WANT TO... NO, NEVER MIND.
GO ON. TELL ME. YOUR SECRETS ARE SAFE WITH ME.
I WANT TO... KISS YOU.
BE MY GUEST. MY LIPS ARE YOURS.
GAH!
AS YOURS ARE MINE!
WHHHIT
SLSHSHSH
WOOOSH

ONCE AGAIN YOU SAVE ME, OLD FRIEND.
THAT PESKY CLOAK OF YOURS HAS CLEARLY SEEN BETTER DAYS.
AMORA, WHATEVER YOUR REASONS ARE FOR THIS UNPROVOKED ATTACK, IT ENDS NOW.
LEAVE OR--
OR WHAT? YOU'RE GONNA TELL ON ME?
WHAT MY LACK-LUSTER VACATION NEEDS IS A TROPHY, AND I THINK YOUR HEAD WOULD MAKE FOR A PERFECT ONE.
AND THE REST OF YOUR SANCTUM TOO!
WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER, STEPHEN.
WE...?
FOCUS ON HER, NOT US!

YOU'VE INFILTRATED MY MIND. IMPRESSIVE.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS...?
HUNK
ONE INTRUDER CONTAINED. NOW TO SHOW THIS ONE THE DOOR.
IT'S TIME TO GO, AMORA.
YOU WERE SO MUCH MORE FUN UNDER MY SPELL.
WE CAN'T MOVE!
THIS HOUSE PARTY IS OFFICIALLY OVER.
SHHHING
THAT'S MY INTENTION AS YOUR INHOSPITABLE HOST.

STEPHEN. YOUR CARNAL DESIRES WILL BETRAY YOU.
IT IS IN HER NATURE TO MAKE IT SO.
IT IS IN OURS TO HELP YOU SURVIVE.
I'VE SURVIVED THIS LONG WITH MY DESIRES INTACT, SO I'LL TAKE MY CHANCES.
POOOF
POOF
YOU DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?
SHHHOOM
BE GONE!
SHHHOOM
POOOF
ENCHANTRESS WILL NEVER LET UP. YOUR DEFENSES AND MY PATIENCE WON'T HOLD OUT FOREVER EITHER.
ATTEMPT TO TOUCH THE EYE OF AGAMOTTO AND I WILL BANISH YOU TO PARTS UNKNOWN.
DEAL?
SHHHING
DEAL.
WHAT I WANT... I GET.
IT'S TIME TO PROTECT OUR HOUSE, STEPHEN.

OR HAVE YOU NOT ACCEPTED YOUR FATE YET?
SHHH
SHHOOP
I'M GROWING TIRED OF YOUR CLOAK'S INTERFERENCE.
DO WE HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING OURSELVES?!
I SUMMON THEE!
HOW ABOUT WE SEPARATE THE TWO OF YOU... *PERMANENTLY?*

WHERE WAS THAT HELP YOU SPOKE OF?
WE'RE THINKING!
AND HERE I THOUGHT YOUR REPUTATION PRECEDED YOU. TURNS OUT YOU'VE BEEN GETTING HELP...
...FROM YOUR NEW FRIEND.
SHE CAN HEAR US?!
I CAN DO MUCH MORE THAN THAT.
BUT I SUSPECT YOU ALREADY KNEW THAT.
SHHING
SHUNK
SHING

OUR TURN.
FLEEING ISN'T GOING TO DO US MUCH GOOD.
WE'RE NOT FLEEING, STEPHEN.
WE JUST NEED MORE ROOM...
...TO STRETCH OUR LEGS.
DON'T MAKE ME REGRET THIS.
YOU WON'T.
SOMETHING TELLS US THAT YOU'RE GOING TO THANK US.

YOU'RE UNLIKE THE OTHERS, STEPHEN.
YOU'RE DIFFERENT...
...STRANGER.
WE LOVE IT.

I THINK I'M GOING TO BE...
...SICK.

AND WHO ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE?
US...?
WE'RE THE SYMBIOTE SUPREME...
...AND YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE.
AREN'T YOU A FICKLE CREATURE?
NOT FICKLE...
...HUNGRY.
YOU, MY DEAR, ARE A RARE DELICACY.
WELL, THIS WAS FUN...UNTIL IT WASN'T.

WERE YOU ACTUALLY GOING TO TRY TO EAT HER?
YES.
FORGET I ASKED.
YOUR PARASITISM ENDOWED YOU WITH MY ABILITIES LIKE MUSCLE MEMORY. TRULY FASCINATING.
IT'S BUT A TASTE. IMAGINE IF YOU GAVE US...
...FULL ACCESS.
ABSOLUTELY NOT. WE HAD A DEAL, REMEMBER?
DEALS CHANGE!
FORGET IT.
THEN WE'LL JUST HAVE TO BREAK IT.

GOOD LUCK WITH THAT.
DOOOOM-OOM-OOOM
WE DON'T NEED YOU. WE WILL FIND ANOTHER IN THIS PLACE.
SHUNG-SHUNG
SHUNG
NOT ON MY WATCH.

THUMP
THUMP
THUMP

THUMP
THE WAY I SEE IT, COOPERATION IS YOUR ONLY OPTION.
IS THAT SO?
WE SEE THINGS...
...DIFFERENTLY.

WELL PLAYED. BUT AGAIN, YOU MUST COOPERATE IF YOU EXPECT ME TO BE A HOSPITABLE HOST.
WE DON'T TAKE ORDERS!
NOT ORDERS, AGREEMENTS. FOR INSTANCE, BOUNDARIES.
RETURN TO ME SOME BODILY AUTONOMY AND YOU CAN EMERGE WHEN THERE'S AN ACTUAL THREAT.
THANK YOU.
IMPRESSIVE.

SOMETHING IS CLEARLY AMISS WITH THE SANCTUM'S SECURITY MEASURES.
MARC SPECTOR?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
LOOKING FOR YOU, DOC. NEED YOUR HELP.
I WAS HOPING THIS WASN'T THE CASE, BUT PERHAPS THAT'S NOT A BAD THING.
CASE...?
UNTIL TEN SECONDS AGO, I THOUGHT MY ALTER EGO WAS THE ONLY ONE, BUT IT APPEARS THAT YOU'VE BEEN GRIPPED BY THAT ALIEN TOO.
SO YOU'RE ONE OF THE OTHERS...
MOON KNIGHT'S BASE OF OPERATIONS. WHERE IS IT, EXACTLY?
S'CALLED THE MIDNIGHT MISSION. I CAN SHOW YOU WHERE IT IS.
BUT WE'D BETTER HURRY, DOC. I THINK YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAVE EVERYONE INSIDE.

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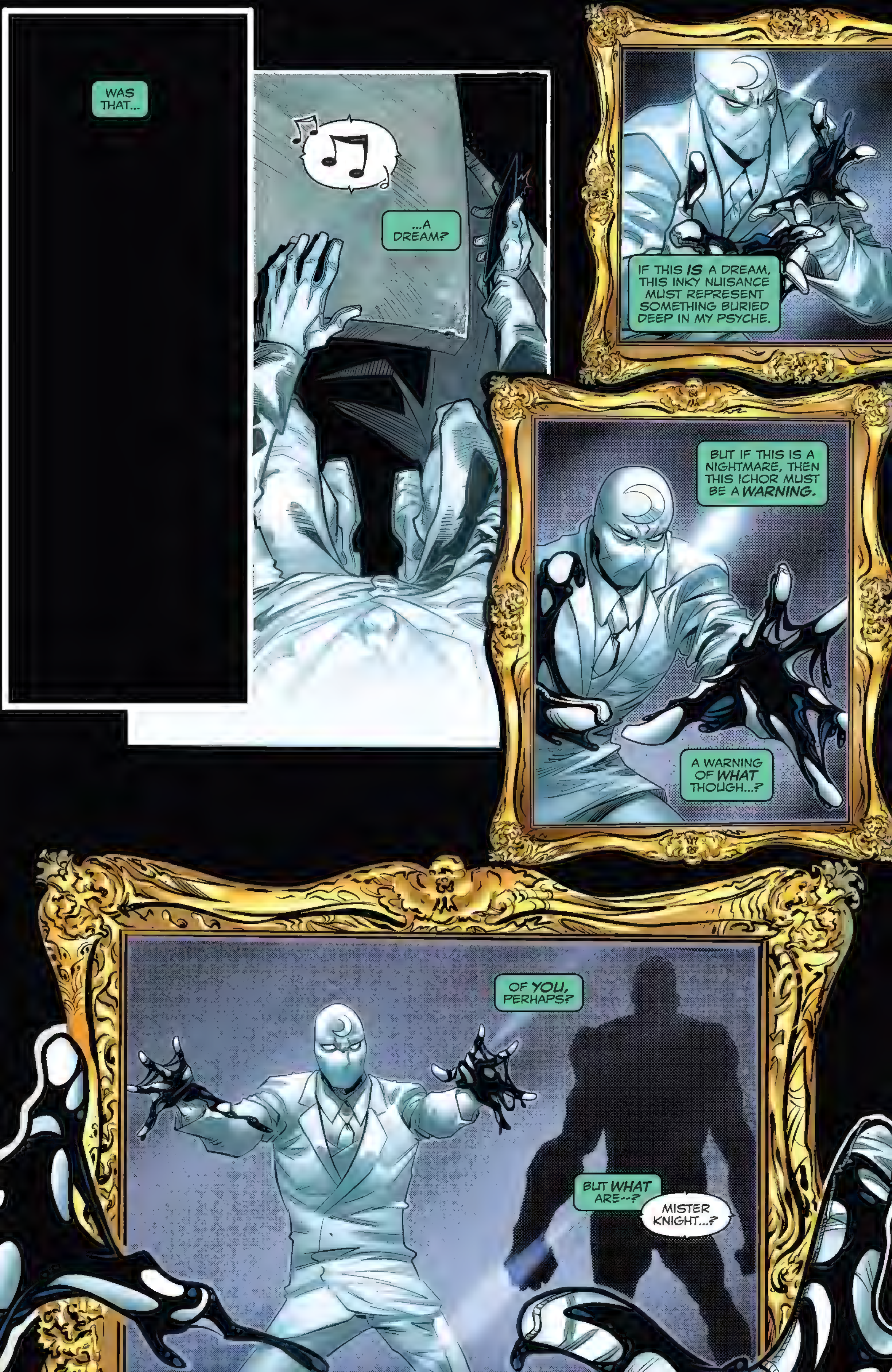
...HAD BONDED TO LOKI?!

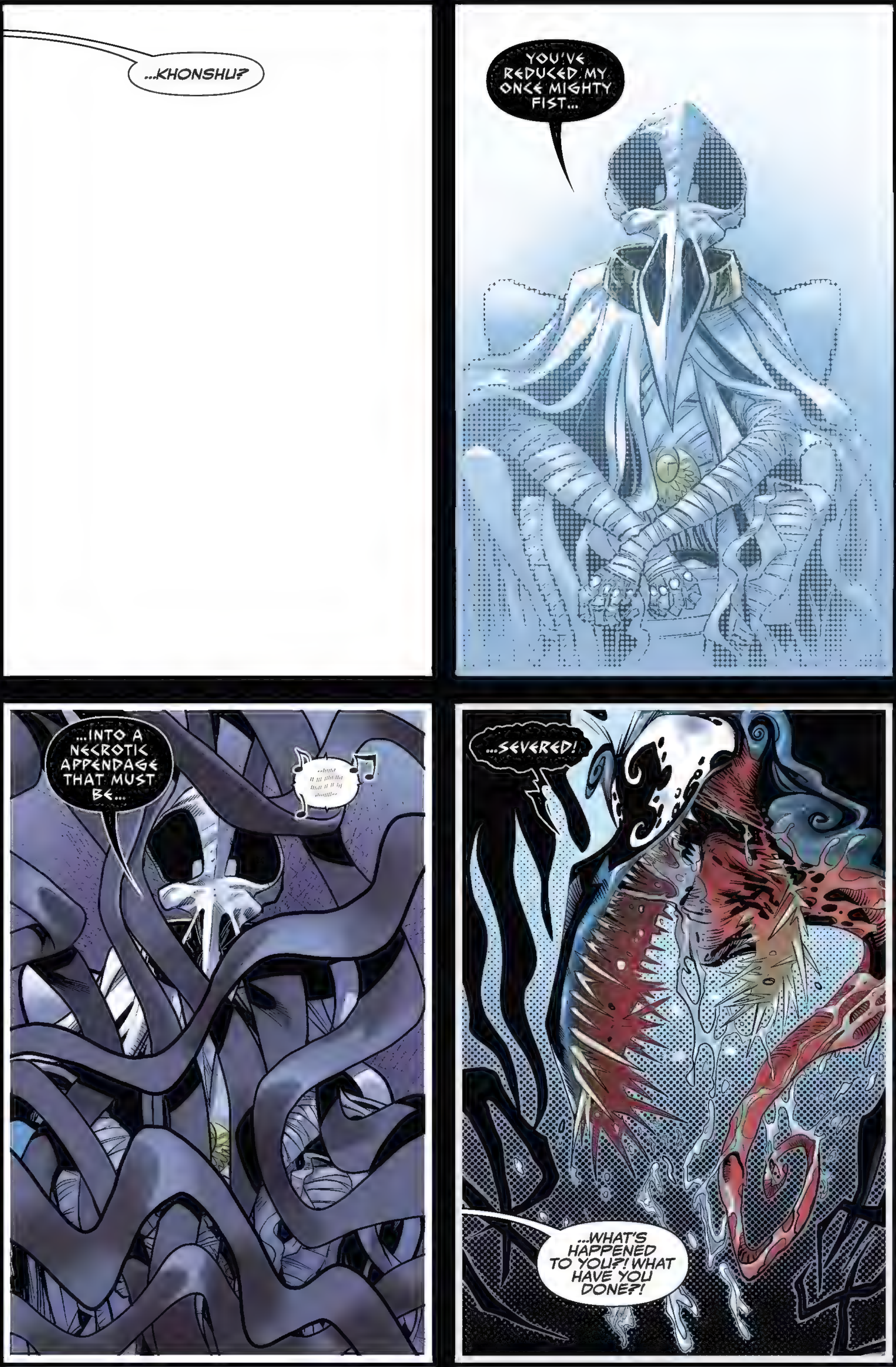
--DANCING IN THE MOONLIGHT--
I AM IN A SARCOPHAGUS...
--CAUGHT ME IN THE SPOTLIGHT--
...BUT WHAT ELUDES MY MEMORY...
--IT'S ALL RIGHT, IT'S ALL RIGHT--
...IS WHETHER THIS SLUMBER ROUTINE IS A NEW OR OLD ONE.

MUST BE A NEW ONE BECAUSE I DON'T FEEL RESTED AT ALL.
AND TO ADD INSULT TO INJURY...
...I'VE MADE A MESS OF MY SUIT SOMEHOW.
OR HAVE I...?
MY INKY FRIEND IS NOW DEFYING GRAVITY. PERHAPS I'M STILL ASLEEP.
NO, I FEEL VERY MUCH AWAKE RIGHT NOW BECAUSE THAT IS NOT MY SHADOW.
WHO'S THERE?!
AND I'M TALKING TO MYSELF OUT LOUD.
THEN AGAIN, I BEST TRUST MY INSTINCTS BY ASSUMING THAT NOTHING IS AS IT SEEMS.
EVENING, N'KANTU. DO WE HAVE ANY VISITORS TO THE MIDNIGHT MISSION THIS EVENING?
THERE IS SOMEONE WAITING IN YOUR OFFICE.

N'KANTU...?
LAST TIME I CHECKED, DANCING SHADOWS ARE NOT VALID VISITORS.
SHADOWS...?
LOOK AGAIN, MR. KNIGHT.
WHO ARE YOU?
THE WHO IS NOT THE QUESTION YOU SHOULD BE ASKING.
PLEASE HAVE A SEAT.
--DANCING IN THE MOONLIGHT--
THE MORE PERTINENT QUESTION IS THE WHY.
--CAUGHT ME IN THE SPOTLIGHT--


WAS THAT...
...A DREAM?
IF THIS IS A DREAM, THIS INKY NUISANCE MUST REPRESENT SOMETHING BURIED DEEP IN MY PSYCHE.
BUT IF THIS IS A NIGHTMARE, THEN THIS ICHOR MUST BE A WARNING.
A WARNING OF WHAT THOUGH...?
OF YOU, PERHAPS?
BUT WHAT ARE--?
MISTER KNIGHT...?

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I...I THINK SO.
DO WE HAVE ANY...? ACTUALLY, NEVER MIND.
I'M CLEARLY IMAGINING THIS ELUSIVE NIGHT TRAVELER, BUT THAT HASN'T PREVENTED ME FROM A LITTLE *INTERACTION.*
I KNOW YOU'RE THERE, SO PLEASE SHOW YOURSELF.
THERE YOU ARE.
WELCOME TO THE MIDNIGHT MISSION. NOW...
...WHY ARE YOU HERE?
MY SON...MY *WERETCHED* SON.
IS THAT YOU...

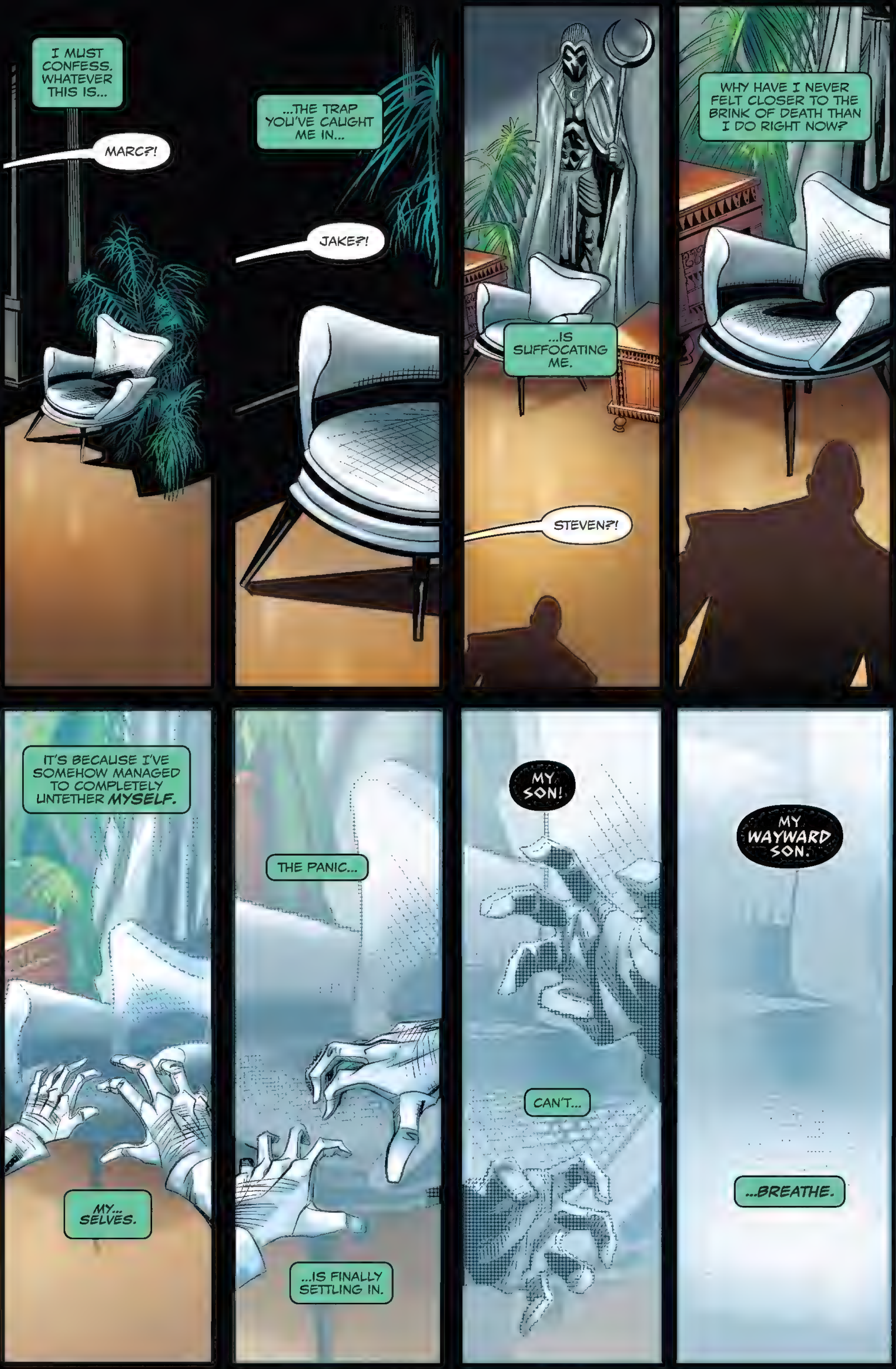

...KHONSHU?
YOU'VE REDUCED MY ONCE MIGHTY FIST...
...INTO A NECROTIC APPENDAGE THAT MUST BE...
...SEVERED!
...WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU?! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!

--IT'S ALL RIGHT, IT'S ALL RIGHT--
NO. NO, NO, NO. NOT AGAIN.
THIS IS ALL WRONG.
SO VERY, VERY WRONG.
BUT IT'S CLEAR THAT YOU...WHOEVER YOU ARE...ARE BEHIND THIS MACABRE FEVER DREAM.
START TALKING BEFORE I MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO DO SO.
I HATE TO BREAK IT TO YOU...

...BUT I'M NOT HERE FOR YOU.
LOKI...
FINALLY, SOME MUCH NEEDED CLARITY TO THIS MYSTERY. OF COURSE YOU WOULD BE BEHIND ITS DESIGN.
AS MUCH AS I'D LOVE TO TAKE THE CREDIT--
INFILTRATOR!
N'KANTU! STAND BACK!
SHINK-SHINK

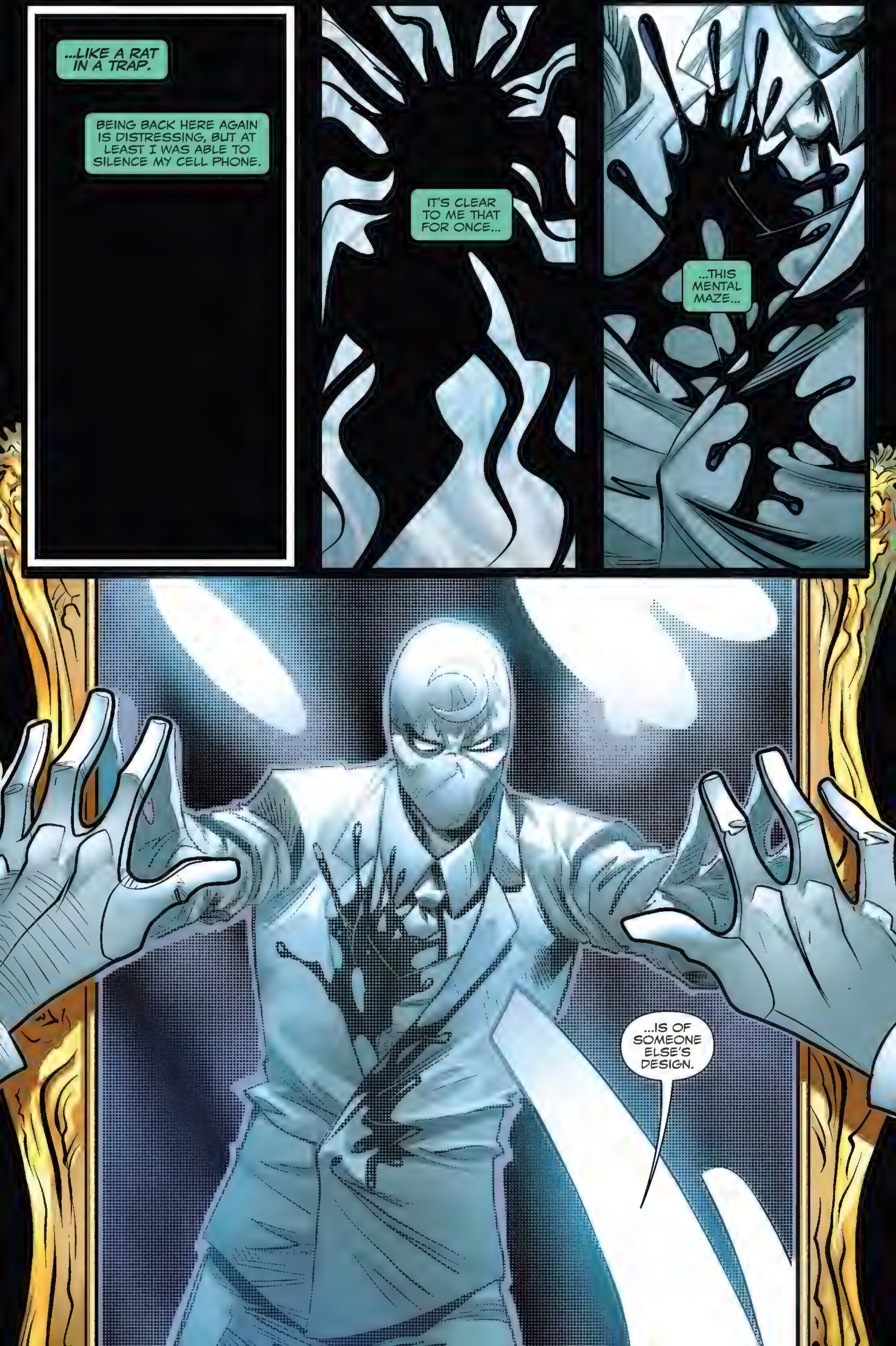
WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS.
WHOMP
I BEG TO DIFFER.
ALWAYS HAPPY TO TAKE THE TIME TO MAKE YOU REGRET EVER STEPPING FOOT INSIDE THIS PLACE!
TELL ME WHAT YOU'RE HERE FOR!
WHIFFF
I WAS NOT EXPECTING THAT YOU'D BE THIS SEVERELY COMPROMISED.
NO MATTER. THIS IS STILL GOING TO BE EASIER THAN I THOUGHT.
--DANCING IN--
NO! NOT AGAIN!

--THE MOONLIGHT--
I MUST FINALLY BE IN HELL.
BUT IF NOT, TIME TO BREAK THIS CYCLE.
KRAK
STARTING WITH THIS.
NO LIVING TAR... NO MEMBERS OF THE MISSION. I'M...
...ALONE?
GOD OF MISCHIEF...
...YOUR PSYCHOLOGICAL PROWESS...
...IS FORMIDABLE.



I MUST CONFESS. WHATEVER THIS IS...
MARC?!
...THE TRAP YOU'VE CAUGHT ME IN...
JAKE?!
...IS SUFFOCATING ME.
STEVEN?!
WHY HAVE I NEVER FELT CLOSER TO THE BRINK OF DEATH THAN I DO RIGHT NOW?
IT'S BECAUSE I'VE SOMEHOW MANAGED TO COMPLETELY UNTETHER MYSELF.
MY... SELVES.
THE PANIC...
...IS FINALLY SETTLING IN.
MY SON!
CAN'T...
MY WAYWARD SON.
...BREATHE.

KHONSHU. HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?
IF ONLY THAT WAS THE CASE. YOU'VE MADE YOUR CHOICE.
CHOICE? WHAT CHOICE?
THE CHOICE TO ABANDON YOUR POST.
YOUR ABSENCE HAS LEFT ME VULNERABLE.
SMITING YOU IS NOT ONLY NECESSARY...
...IT'S NOW PREDETERMINED.
I BEG.
KHONSHU! WAIT!
BUT MY GOD HAS MADE UP HIS MIND, AND I FEEL A FAMILIAR PAIN...


...LIKE A RAT IN A TRAP.
BEING BACK HERE AGAIN IS DISTRESSING, BUT AT LEAST I WAS ABLE TO SILENCE MY CELL PHONE.
IT'S CLEAR TO ME THAT FOR ONCE...
...THIS MENTAL MAZE...
...IS OF SOMEONE ELSE'S DESIGN.

YOU MUST BE THE ARCHITECT. BUT THERE'S SOMETHING... DIFFERENT...ABOUT YOU... YOU'RE NOT ALONE...
THAT DOES APPEAR TO BE THE CASE, BUT I ASSURE YOU THAT MOTIVATIONS EVEN MORE SINISTER THAN MY OWN ARE AFOOT.
I CAN'T BELIEVE ANYTHING YOU SAY.
MY DEAR MR. KNIGHT. AS I CLEARLY STATED FROM THE BEGINNING, I AM HERE, BUT NOT FOR YOU.
ENOUGH WITH THE RIDDLES. WHO ARE YOU HERE FOR?!
I AM HERE FOR YOUR MASTER.
WOULD YOU BE SO KIND AS TO LEAD ME TO KHONSHU?
LEAD YOU TO HIM? BUT YOU ARE BEHIND ALL OF THIS.

SIGH
HOW YOU'VE MANAGED TO SURVIVE THIS LONG IS IMPRESSIVE.
SHHHPPP
NO MATTER.
NYARGH!
SHHHPPP
THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME, NOR WILL IT BE THE LAST...
...THAT I TAKE MATTERS INTO MY OWN HANDS.
MISTER KNIGHT...? MISTER KNIGHT!

SPEAK TO ME!
UNHAND ME!
AS YOU KNOW, I SERVE ANUBIS, SO WHEN YOU WERE UNRESPONSIVE FOR HOURS...
...I GREW CONVINCED THAT YOUR SOUL...
...WOULD BE THE NEXT ONE I COLLECT.
I SAW... I SAW YOU DIE.

YOU CONFUSE ME, MR. KNIGHT. FOR I AM ALREADY DEAD.
MY APOLOGIES, FRIEND. TELL ME, HAVE YOU SEEN LOKI LURKING IN BLACK AROUND THE MISSION?
IF LOKI IS HERE, HE HAS EVADED MY DETECTION.
I SHALL DO BETTER AT PATROLLING THE MISSION AND EJECT THOSE WHO SEEK ONLY DISRUPTION.
I APPRECIATE YOUR ENTHUSIASM.
EVEN THOUGH I KNOW THAT LIGHT IS NOT KHONSHU'S...
...I MUST WARN HIM ALL THE SAME.
STEPPING OUT, N'KANTU. HOLD DOWN THE FORT WHILE I'M GONE.

KHONSHU. I'VE COME TO WARN YOU OF AN INTRUDER. HE IS VYING FOR ACCESS TO YOU.
KHONSHU? ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?
WARNINGS FROM APOSTATES WILL BE IGNORED.
YOU ARE TRESPASSING IN SACRED SPACE, LOKI.
KHONSHU! THE INVADER IS AT OUR DOOR!
THIS ISN'T PERSONAL, MR. KNIGHT...

...I'VE JUST ALWAYS WANTED TO SLAY A GOD.
WOOOO
OOOOKH
I KNEW IT WOULD BE EASY, BUT NOT THIS EASY.
NEVER MEET YOUR HEROES, I GUESS.
BOOOOM-BRKL-BRKL
KHONSHU... HAS BEEN SLAIN?!

I MUST FIND A WAY OUT...
...IF I DON'T WANT...
DOOOOOM
...THIS LOOPED NIGHTMARE TO BECOME...
DOOOOOM
...MY TOMB.
DOOOOOM
I'D SAY THAT WE'VE GOTTEN OURSELVES OUT OF TRICKIER SPOTS...
...BUT I'VE NEVER HAD TO DO IT ALONE.

LOKI! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!
I'VE DONE YOU A FAVOR BY EMBRACING A GIFT YOU CLEARLY REJECTED.
YOU SEE, YOU WERE THE LAST HURDLE, THE FINAL STANDOFF KEEPING ME FROM *BONDING* TO AN IMMEASURABLE POWER.
AND I'M STILL STANDING, WHICH MAKES YOUR DELUSIONAL POWER GRAB INCOMPLETE.
I'LL HAVE IT ALL SOON ENOUGH. BY THEN, YOU'LL NEVER KNOW IF THIS WONDROUS PARASITE COULD HAVE HELPED PIECE YOUR FRACTURED PSYCHE BACK TOGETHER.
I'VE SEEN STRANGER THINGS HAPPEN.
PARASITE? WHAT PARASITE?
WE BOTH KNOW THAT AS THE PINKIE, YOU'RE THE WEAKEST POINT OF KHONSHU'S FIST.
NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE US, IT'S TIME TO COLLECT THE REMAINING FINGERS.
YOU STAY AWAY FROM THEM! DO YOU HEAR ME?!
STAY AWAY FROM THEM!!!

I'VE BEEN INFECTED WITH A PARASITE?
THOOOM-KINK
I'VE BEEN INFECTED WITH A PARASITE.
THOOOM-KINK
NOT ONLY THAT, BUT IT SEEMS THAT I'VE SERVED AS A POWERFUL PAWN IN ITS COORDINATED ATTACK.
THOOOM
THIS WELCOMED CLARITY HAS ME FINALLY SEEING...

...A WAY OUT.
THOOOM
LOKI!
PARASITE, I KNOW THAT YOU CONTINUE TO DECEIVE MY EYES.
YOU BEST WATCH YOUR BACK BECAUSE LOKI IS COMING.
THAT'S NEW.
DON'T REMEMBER THE MISSION HAVING AN ELEVATOR, LET ALONE AN INVITING ONE.
IF YOU'RE INDEED HELPING ME CHASE DOWN LOKI, THAT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING.

DING
JUST AS I SUSPECTED.
YOU DON'T CARE WHO SURVIVES BECAUSE YOU DO EITHER WAY.
YOU WANT A SPECTACLE.
IN THAT CASE, TIME TO PROVE TO MYSELF...
DING
...THAT A FIST HAS NO IMPACT WITHOUT THE PINKIE.

JAKE.
I MUST BE WAY MORE DRUNK THAN I REALIZE...
THAT REALLY YOU, KNIGHT?
IT'S ME ALL RIGHT, BUT TRUST ME WHEN I SAY THAT EVERYTHING ELSE AROUND YOU IS AN ILLUSION.
WHERE IS LOKI?
GENTLEMEN, IT'S NOT A FREE SHOW.
TIME TO COLLECT WHAT'S MINE.
EXIT

5 ...HAD BONDED TO MOON KNIGHT?!

WHAT IS THIS PLACE, JAKE?
IT'S CALLED THE MIDNIGHT MISSION.
A SAFE HAVEN FOR TRAVELERS OF THE NIGHT TO COME AND SEEK MOON KNIGHT'S HELP.
C'MON. HE'S EXPECTING US.
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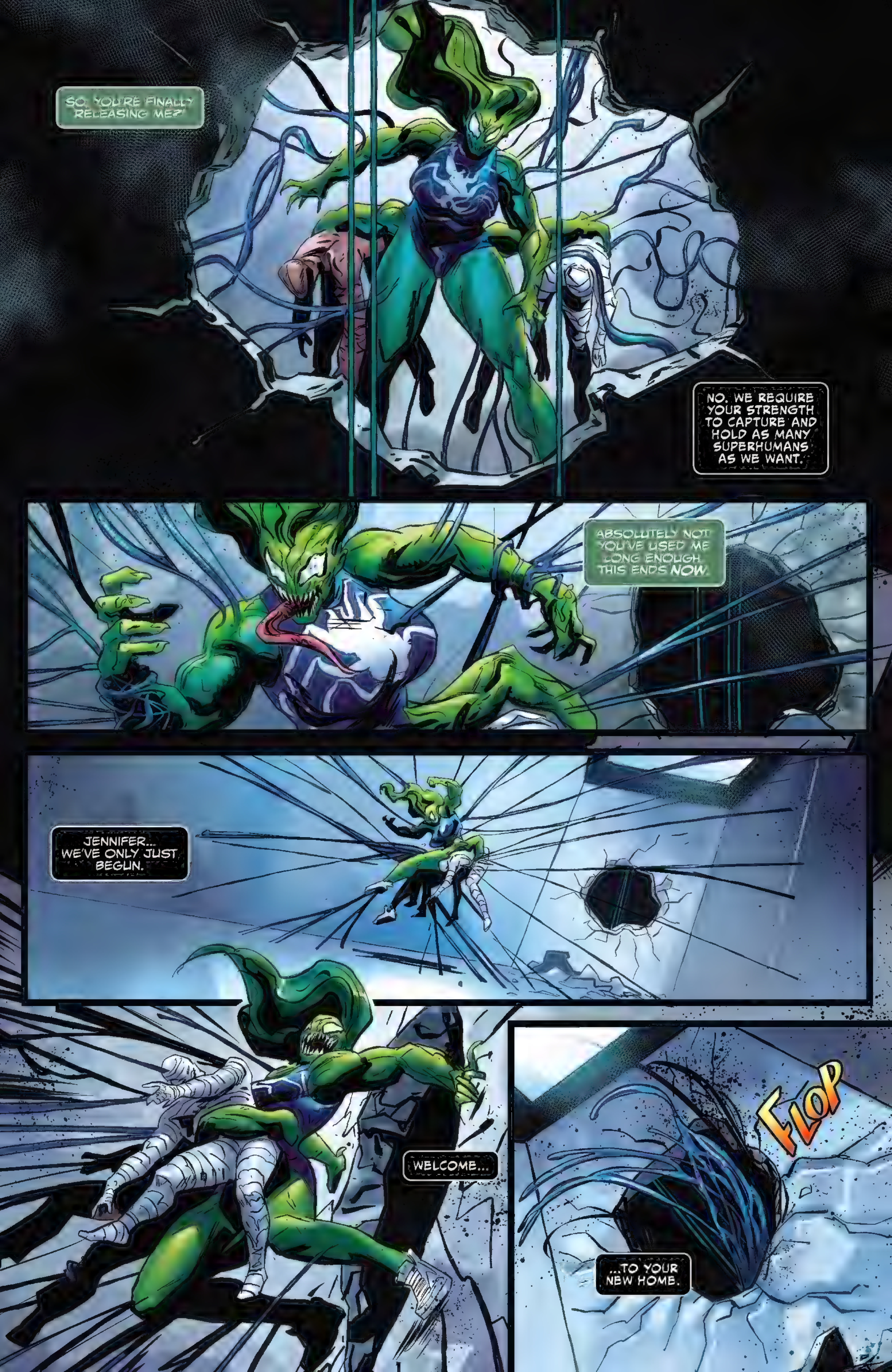
HEY THERE, N'KANTU. KNOW IF THE BOSS IS IN?
YOU JUST MISSED HIM, BUT HE'LL BE BACK SHORTLY IF YOU WANT TO WAIT.
SOUNDS GOOD. IF YOU WANNA FOLLOW ME, SHE-HULK, WE CAN WAIT IN HIS OFFICE.
WE HAVE A BETTER IDEA.
WHAT ARE YOU DOI--?
THOMP
WHAT WAS THAT FOR?
YOU'LL SEE, JEN.

THIS ISN'T ANY ORDINARY CABBIE. HE'S PULSING WITH ABNORMAL ENERGY.
YES. WE'VE BEEN THINKING TOO SMALL. TIME TO EXPAND.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND. EXPAND INTO WHAT?
INTO AN UNSTOPPABLE FORCE.
BOOM
BOOM
WHY SETTLE FOR ONE HOST...
...WHEN JAKE LOCKLEY WILL GIVE US FOUR MORE WHO ARE LINKED TO A PRIMORDIAL POWER?


SO, YOU'RE FINALLY RELEASING ME?!
NO. WE REQUIRE YOUR STRENGTH TO CAPTURE AND HOLD AS MANY SUPERHUMANS AS WE WANT.
ABSOLUTELY NOT! YOU'VE USED ME LONG ENOUGH. THIS ENDS NOW.
JENNIFER... WE'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN.
WELCOME...
FLOP
...TO YOUR NEW HOME.

LATER...
NOT MUCH FARTHER, LOGAN. JUST A SWIFT RIDE DOWN.
SOME PLACE YOU GOT HERE, GRANT.
NOT WHAT YOU WERE EXPECTING, I TAKE IT?
I FIGURED THIS FACILITY OF YOURS WOULD BE HIGH UP IN SOME SKYSCRAPER.
THAT WOULD BE A LOGISTICAL NIGHTMARE.
SOME-THING OF THIS SOPHISTICATION NEEDS A HOME...
...FAR FROM VIEW OF PRYING EYES.
SNIF SNIF
WE GOT A REAL PROBLEM, BUB.
DING

SNIKT
SNIKT
WE DON'T.
SLP
SLP
SLP
YOU, ON THE OTHER HAND...
GRAAAAAAAH
RESISTANCE MAKES THIS SO MUCH MORE...FUN.
WELCOME TO YOUR NEW HOME, LOGAN.

EVEN LATER...
MISTER KNIGHT...
...LISTEN CLOSELY.
THIS IS DOCTOR STEPHEN STRANGE. I AM REACHING OUT WITH A W-WARNING.
YOUR M-MIDNIGHT MISSION IS COMPROMISED. WOLVERINE, SHE-HULK AND I ARE A-ALL TRAPPED WITHIN IT. TO SAVE THE MISSION AND YOURSELF, YOU MUST G-G--
GRASP...

"--ALL OF THEM...
"...AND NEVER LET GO."
MY, MY, THIS IS GOING TO BE DELIGHTFULLY EASY.
TWO MOON KNIGHTS, DELIVERING THEMSELVES TO ME!
WHAT THE HELL?!
Y'KNOW, LOKI...
I'VE ALWAYS PREFERRED TO USE MY CUNNING INTELLECT TO DIFFUSE A CONFLICT...
KRACK
...BUT SOMETIMES, THE ONLY RESOLUTION IS THROUGH SHEER BRAWN.

LOCKLEY! IF YOU'D BE SO KIND AS TO GET THE ELEVATOR.
RIGHT ABOUT NOW WOULD BE GREAT.
I... IS...
KLIK KLIK KLIK
IS THAT IT?
THOUGHT YOU COULD CHOKE ME OUT?
KRASH
YOU'RE GONNA NEED TO DO A LOT BETTER THAN THAT!
CHAC CHAC
HOW AM I DOING NOW, LOKI?
NYARRGH!

THAT'S NOT GONNA STOP HIM.
I'M WELL AWARE, JAKE.
ONE MINUTE I'M ENJOYING A DANCE, AND THE NEXT I'M BEING ATTACKED BY A SEVEN-FOOT BOOGEYMAN.
AS IF THAT WASN'T WEIRD ENOUGH, HERE YOU ARE. IN FRONT OF ME.
BRACE YOURSELF BECAUSE THINGS ARE ONLY GOING TO GET WEIRDER FROM HERE.
CARE TO EXPLAIN?
AS BRIEFLY AS I CAN. ALL OF OUR ASPECTS HAVE BEEN COMPROMISED BY A POWERFUL ALIEN PARASITE.
WELL, ALL BUT MYSELF, WHO IS ATTEMPTING TO PREVENT LOKI'S SEIZURE OF SAID ALIEN.
THIS HALLUCINATION AIN'T OURS FOR ONCE.
CORRECT. IT'S LOKI'S DOING.
DING

STEVEN...
...I'M SURE YOU HAVE SO MANY QUESTIONS, BUT RIGHT NOW, YOU MUST COME WITH US.
LET ME GUESS...WE'VE FINALLY ENCOUNTERED SOMEONE OR SOMETHING THAT OUTCLASSES OUR DISORDER.
HOW'D YOU KNOW?
I'M LOOKING AT THE BOTH OF YOU, AREN'T I?
DING
WE HAVE TO KEEP MOVING IF WE HOPE TO FIND SPECTOR. I DON'T HAVE TIME TO EXPLAIN, BUT I HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT BECAUSE WE'RE ALL RUNNING AROUND HERE, MARC SPECTOR IS TOO. AND OUR BEST CHANCE OF SURVIVING WHATEVER IS ABOUT TO COME THROUGH THAT DOOR IS TOGETHER.

DON'T MOVE!
HANDS WHERE WE CAN SEE THEM!
...
NOW WHAT, FELLAS?
FEDS? HOW UNORIGINAL.
NOW WHAT, MR. LOCKLEY?
NOW WE ELIMINATE YOU...
...WITH EXTREME PREJUDICE.
YOU'VE PROVEN TO BE QUITE THE THORN, MR. KNIGHT.
BUT YOU CANNOT OUTRUN THE INEVITABLE.
I'D SAY THAT'S ALL A MATTER OF... PERSPECTIVE.
SPING
KRASH
NONONOOO--

THIS WAS YOUR GRAND ESCAPE?!
THERE ARE WORSE WAYS TO DIE, JAKE!
GENTLEMEN! WE'RE NOT GOING TO DIE! NOT Y--

THOOOM
WELL, I'LL BE DAMNED.
US MEETING LIKE THIS CAN'T BE A GOOD SIGN.
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW THE HALF OF IT.

THIS IS... I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS IS.
MARC SPECTOR!
WELL, WE FOUND HIM. NOW WHAT?
I'M...I'M NOT SURE. HADN'T THOUGHT BEYOND THIS MOMENT.
THAT'S FANTASTIC.
THAT'S A FIRST.

I MUST THANK YOU, MISTER KNIGHT.
FOR EXPEDITING MY PLAN TO REUNITE THESE WAYWARD PIECES WITH THEIR RIGHTFUL HOST.
THANK ME? FOR WHAT?
CAN SOME-ONE PLEASE EXPLAIN WHAT I'M LOOKING AT?
WE'VE ALL BEEN COMPROMISED BY A POWERFUL ALIEN PARASITE. INCLUDING THE GOD OF MISCHIEF--
BOOM
--WHO IS ATTEMPTING TO SEIZE ALL OF IT FOR HIMSELF!

THAT EXPLAINS--
BUDDA BUDDA
--HOW WE'RE HAVING THIS CONVERSATION--
--FACE-TO-FACE!
TELL ME SOMETHING I DON'T KNOW, LIKE HOW WE'RE SUPPOSED TO FIGHT A THIRTY-FOOT POSSESSED GOD!
GRASP ALL OF THEM... AND NEVER LET GO.

LOKI. SURRENDER NOW WHILE YOU STILL CAN.
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
PRAY TELL, MR. KNIGHT.
YOU'RE OUTNUMBERED.
YOUR DELUSION OF GRANDEUR IS TRULY ASTOUNDING.
WHAT YOU CALL A DELUSION...

...I CALL CLARITY.
WHETHER YOU BELIEVE IT OR NOT.
THWIP
THWIP
THWIP
THE NIGHT IS AT ITS DARKEST...

...RIGHT BEFORE THE DAWN.
DOOOOOM

IT'S TIME...
SSSLIP
...TO END THIS.
THWOP
IT'S NOT OVER--
--UNTIL I SAY SO!
KRAK
WHAT A PITY.
ALL THOSE THEATRICS FOR NOTHING.

CLEARLY, FIVE ALTER EGOS ARE NOT ENOUGH TO BEST ME.
NOW RELINQUISH THE SYMBIOTE, OR...
...I SKIN YOU ALIVE.
I AM BUT A VESSEL...
...WITH MULTIPLE COMPARTMENTS.
GAK
CLEARLY, YOU UNDER-ESTIMATE US.

SKREEEEE
YES! MR. KNIGHT! YOU HEARD ME!
THWOMP
YOU BET I DID, DOC. SORRY WE LOCKED YOU ALL UP IN OUR BASEMENT... BUT WE COULD USE SOME HELP!
IT'S NOW OR NEVER, MY FRIENDS.
DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME TWICE, BUB.

I SAY WE BLAST THOSE ORBS OUT TO THE DARKEST CORNERS OF SPACE.
I'M NOT SURE LETTING SOMEONE ELSE FIND THIS ORGANISM IS THE BEST IDEA. BUT I AGREE THAT IT CAN'T STAY HERE ON EARTH.
THEN LET ME TAKE HIM OFF YOUR HANDS.

I VOTE DEEP SPACE OVER CLANDESTINE GOVERNMENT AGENCY, FURY.
DON'T BLAME YOU, LOGAN.
THE WAY I SEE IT, WE EITHER MAKE THIS CREATURE SOMEONE ELSE'S PROBLEM OR WE MAKE IT OUR SOLUTION.
SOLUTION TO WHAT?
COSMIC THREATS. ALIEN OR OTHER-WISE.
THE ENTITY IS NOW AWARE THAT IT CAN'T BEAT US, SO ITS ONLY OPTION IS TO JOIN US.
DEFT PLATITUDES, FURY, BUT WOLVERINE IS RIGHT. YOUR TRACK RECORD SPEAKS FOR IT-SELF. WE'RE IN NO POSITION TO STAND AGAINST S.H.I.E.L.D. BUT KNOW THAT WHATEVER YOUR INTENTION FOR THE CREATURE, WE'LL BE WATCHING.
THE SAME IS TRUE FOR LOKI.
HE'LL BE DEALT WITH ACCORDINGLY.
ON BEHALF OF S.H.I.E.L.D., WE THANK EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR BRAVERY AND SERVICE.
NEW YORK CITY WILL REST EASY NOW THAT THE CENTRAL PARK BOOGEYMAN HAS BEEN CAPTURED.
FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH: YOU ALL MAKE FOR A PRETTY GREAT TEAM.
MS. WALTERS. WE COULD BENEFIT FROM SOME LEGAL COUNSEL HERE AT THE MISSION.
WHAT'S THE PAY?
WE CAN FIGURE THAT OUT, BUT FREE ROOM AND BOARD TO START.
DONE.
WILL HER ROOM BE BIGGER THAN MINE...?
THE END.

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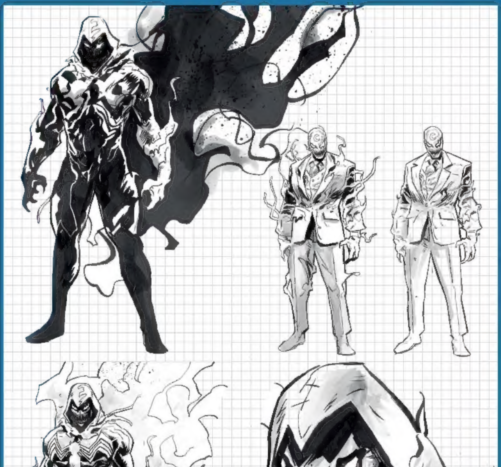

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